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The City of Saint John signs Friendship Agreement with Donghae, Korea *Agreement enhances partnership between cities and people*

Mayor Ivan Court, on behalf of the City of Saint John, today signed a friendship agreement with Mayor Kim Hak-Ki representing Donghae City, Korea. The agreement, while intended to enhance friendship, cooperation and exchange between the two cities, will also encourage further cooperation in business, tourism, investment, education, trade, science and technology.

"We are very pleased to be hosting Mayor Hak-Ki and his delegation in our city, and we look forward to continuing our relationship of cooperation and exchange, with a look toward possible investment and immigration in the future," said Mayor Court. "Donghae City, much like the City of Saint John, is emerging as the hub city for future trade, industry and transportation in its region of Korea."

Mayor Hak-Ki and his six-member delegation are visiting Saint John for two activity filled days. The delegation will be given a tour of the City, as well as the Irving Oil Refinery, UNB Saint John, the Port, and the Fundy Trail. They will have some free time to explore the Uptown area and the City Market, and will also attend a dinner hosted by the Saint John Korean Association.

Donghae City, with a population of over 100,000 people, is located in the southeastern part of Gangwondo Province, Korea, and borders the sea to the east. It has two major international ports, Donghae Port and Mukho Port and serves as an outpost of international trade. The city is mostly mountainous and has natural largess such as Mureung Valley. Its well-developed coastlines include picturesque beaches, including the longest beach in Korea, Mangsang Beach.

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